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Title:

CONTENT DELIVERY NETWORK (CDN)
CONTENT SERVER REQUEST MECHANISM
WITH METADATA FRAMEWORK SUPPORT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the First Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please add the following new Claims:

17. (New) A method of content delivery operative in a content delivery network on behalf of participating content providers, the content delivery network comprising a set of content servers, and wherein participating content providers identify given content to be delivered over the content delivery network, comprising:

having a participating content provider associate a content provider domain or subdomain with a domain managed by a content delivery network service provider; for a given piece of content, specifying, as metadata, a given content control requirement;

communicating the metadata for the given piece of content to the set of content servers;

resolving a client query to the content provider domain or subdomain to an IP address of a given content server in the set of content servers using the domain managed by the content delivery network service provider; and